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Investment Board Selects Miller as Vice Chair

RICHMOND- The recently appointed Information Technology Investment Board yesterday selected Dr. Mary Guy Miller as its Vice Chair. Dr. Miller is President and CEO of IDD, Inc. a full-service IT consulting firm specializing in the design and delivery of e-business solutions and the integration of technology within education. The company is located in Southwest Virginia.

The Board, created as a result of IT reform efforts during the 2003 General Assembly, is made up of gubernatorial and legislative appointees and is charged with reviewing and prioritizing enterprise-wide technology investments across state government. These investments will be directed by a new agency, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, VITA (pronounced VEE-ta). Legislation creating VITA was initiated by Governor Warner during the 2003 General Assembly session. Its passage mandates the consolidation of information technology (IT) services for 94 Executive Branch Agencies within the Commonwealth, and promises to save tens of millions of dollars each year in the management of IT projects and purchasing of IT products.

Other board members include Christopher G. Caine, IBM; John C. Lee, IV, Lee Technologies; James W. "Jimmy" Hazel, Angler Companies; Hiram Johnson, Dominion Resources; James F. McGuirk, II, Siebel Systems; Scott Pattison, NASBO and Leonard M. Pomata, Webmethods. Additional members include Secretary of Technology George C. Newstrom, who was selected as Chair at the first Board meeting and is a voting, ex officio member and the Auditor of Public Accounts, Walter Kucharski, serving as a non-voting ex officio member.

Board Chair and Secretary of Technology George C. Newstrom commented, “I look forward to working with Mary Guy Miller and the entire board as we begin to review and prioritize the Commonwealth’s proposed enterprise –wide technology investments. Under Mary Guy’s leadership, IDD has become an award-winning IT company achieving accolades in multimedia design, kiosk development and innovative uses of communication technology. As a result, she is a sought-after speaker and consultant. She brings a great deal of public and private IT experience to the board and her leadership and experience will be invaluable to us as we proceed.”

Yesterday’s action by the Board included the selection of three committees to assist the Board in its duties; Finance, Legislative and Project Review. These committees are in addition to the CIO Search Committee already established.

IT reform legislation calls for agencies to integrate into VITA by size with small agencies under 100 employees on or before January 1, 2004, medium agencies of 100-400 on or before July 1, 2004, and large agencies of more than 400 employees on or before January 1, 2005. Small agency integration is underway currently.

For more information on VITA and the IT Investment Board please visit www.vita.virginia.gov.

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